THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kenneth John MOLEE) Examiner: Catharine L. Andersor
Serial No.: 09/970,673) Group Art No.: 3761
Filed: October 5, 2001)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

A.) Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2003 ("Office Action"), Applicant offers the following remarks. By this amendment, Applicant proposes amending claim 1 and believes that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance and in a better form for consideration on appeal. The Applicant therefore requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.